

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9, 10, 12-14, 19-40, 45-50, 52, 54, 56, 65, 66, 70, 74, 76, 77, and 80-84 are pending in the present application.

5 Applicant has included a credit card payment form for \$950.00. This amount includes the large entity fee (\$950.00) for a three-month extension of time. Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Ian F. Burns & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0913.

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AMENDMENTS

The Office objected to claims 1, 9, 37, and 65 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(i). By this Amendment E, applicant has amended these claims to separate each element or step by a line indentation.

15 The Office objected to claim 82 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. By this Amendment E, claim 82 has been cancelled and claim 81 has been amended to more clearly claim the position of the first and second game housings and to correct typographical errors.

By this Amendment E, claims 1, 9, 37, 50, 65, and 80 have been amended to add the limitation of a single random selection process to determine all first game (or base game)
20 outcomes and all second game (or bonus game) outcomes. Support for this subject matter can be found on page 19, second paragraph of the specification.

By this Amendment E, claims 1, 50, 80, and 81 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office rejected claims 1-4, 9, 10, 12-14, 19-36, 50, 52, 54, 56, 65, 66, 70, 80, 81, and 82 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,224,483 to Mayeroff (hereinafter, "Mayeroff") in view of Great Britain Patent GB 2,320,206 to Stanley (hereinafter, "Stanley") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,270,412 to Crawford et al. (hereinafter, "Crawford"). The Office also rejected claims 37-40, 45-49, 74, 76, and 77 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Mayeroff in view of Stanley, further in view of Crawford et al., and further in view of Kaku.

By this Amendment E, claims 1, 9, 50, 65, and 80 have been amended to add a limitation of a single random selection process to determine all first game (or base game) outcomes and all second game (or bonus game) outcomes during a game cycle, including any changes of the first game outcome and second game outcome. Support for this subject matter can be found on page 19, second paragraph of the specification of the current application.

None of the references cited by the Office disclose, teach, or suggest this limitation. In fact, the references teach away from this invention. Stanley appears to teach away from this limitation because the outcome of the alleged second game can be at least influenced by the player. If the outcome of both games of Stanley were determined by a single random process, the player could not use his or her skill to influence the second game and the second game would not operate as taught by Stanley. Crawford also teaches away from this limitation because it appears that a player selects symbols to be saved. The selected symbols are used in the determination of the outcome of subsequent games. Therefore, the player influences the outcome of subsequent games. Mayeroff also fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a single random process to determine the outcome of the main game and the secondary event game. Therefore, claims 1,

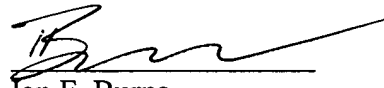
9, 50, 65, and 80 are patentable over the cited references. Since claims 1, 9, 50, 65, and 80 are independent claims, each of their dependent claims are also patentable.

CONCLUSION

5 Although the applicant respectfully does not agree with the positions taken by the Office, the applicant has amended the claims to include additional limitation that are not disclosed, taught, or suggested by any of the cited references. Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application or this Amendment E, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicant's attorney,
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